(Rs. in lakhs)

Purpose	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
Minor Irrigation	—	—	—
Plantation/Horticulture	1	3	3
Poultry/Sheep/Piggery	22	21	56
Fisheries	104	168	50
Dairy Development	3	2	8
Gobar Gas Plants	1	3	3
Others	5	—	—
Non-Farm Sector	—	2	53
I.R.D.P.	60	91	91
Farm Mechanisation	—	2	4
TOTAL	196	292	268

The break-up of the above amounts project-wise is not available.

[*Translation*]

Loans advanced by Banks for setting up Agro-Based Industries

3770. SHRI S.N. VEKARIA:
SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loans advanced to farmers by the Regional Rural Banks and nationalised banks in each State for setting up agro-based industries during each of eh last three years:

(b) whether the Government propose to provide this facility to some more people during the next financial year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Regional Rural banks (RRBs) grant loans ad advances particularly to artisans, small entrepreneurs and persons of small means engaged in trade, commerce and industry or other productive activities within the area of their operation. The reporting system does not generate data for each activity. However, the total advances of Regional Rural Banks in the country for rural artisans, village and cottage industry as on March 1991 (latest available) were Rs. 281 crores in nearly 9.3 lacs accounts. Similarly activity-wise information of commercial

bank's advances is not generated by the data reporting system of Reserve Bank of India. However, the total advances of Public Sector Banks for small scale industries, which include also agro-based industries as on September, 1991 (latest available) were Rs. 16,560 crores in 28.2 lacs accounts.

(b) and (c). The lending by Regional Rural Banks or nationlised banks to the viable ventures is an ongoing process and the question of imposing any ban does not arise. While formulating credit policy for Banks, Reserve Bank of India ensures that the genuine need of priority sector advances is not affected and the borrowers belonging to this sector do not face any difficulty in obtaining credit from the bank.

Law Commission's Recommendations

3771. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the main recommendations made by the Law Commission to incorporate an amendment in the Indian Penal Code, the Civil Procedure Code and Evidence Act; and

(b) the progress made so far to implement these recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). The main recommendations made by the Law Commission to incorporate amendments in the Indian Penal Code, Code of Civil Procedure and Evidence Act are container in its 42nd Report on "Indian Penal Code, 1860" 54 th Report on Code of Civil Procedure, 1908", and 69th Report on "Indian Evidence Act, 1872". Such of those recommendations contained in 54th Report which have been found acceptable to Government were implemented by the Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Act, 1976. As regards recommendations contained in 42 nd and 69th Reports, no final decision has been taken so far.

Imports of books

3772. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA:
SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA:
SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:
SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of difficulties faced by importers to import books do to restrictions and devaluation of the rupee;

(b) whether Government propose to lift the restrictions on import of various categories of books and educational literature and reduce the cash margin deposit requirements thereon; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Due to balance of payment difficulties, certain restrictions were imposed by way of cash margin requirements before permitting opening of Letters of Credit for import of various categories of goods including books. With the improvement in the balance of payment position, these strications have since been removed.

[*Translation*)

Visit of Indian delegation to European countries

3773. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state: